



THE SECOND BOOKE of the Kings, commonly called, The fourth Booke of the Kings.

CHAP. I.

1 Moab rebelleth. 2 Ahaziah, sending to Baalzebub, hath his iudgement by Eliiah. 5 Eliiah twise bringeth fire from heauen vpon them whom Ahaziah sent to apprehend him. 13 He pitieth the third captaine, and encouraged by an Angel, telleth the King of his death. 17 Iehoram succeedeth Ahaziah.



hen Moab rebelled against Israel, after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fel downe thorow a lattesse in his vpper chamber that was in Sa-

maria, and was sicke: and he sent messengers, and said vnto them, Goe, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, whether I shal recouer of this disease.

3 But the Angel of the LORD said to Eliiah the Tishbite, Arise, goe vp to meete the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say vnto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye goe to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore, thus sayeth the LORD, Thou shalt not come downe from that bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die. And Eliiah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned backe vnto him, he said vnto them, why are ye now turned backe?

6 And they said vnto him, There came a man vp to meet vs, and said vnto vs, Goe, turne againe vnto the king that sent you, and say vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron: therefore thou shalt not come

downe from that bedde on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die.

7 And hee said vnto them, [†] what maner of man was he which came vp to meet you, and told you these words?

[†] Heb. what was the maner of the man?

8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loynes: and he said, It is Eliiah the Tishbite.

9 Then the King sent vnto him a captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: and he went vp to him, (and behold, he sate on the top of an hill) and hee spake vnto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come downe.

10 And Eliiah answered, and said to the captaine of fiftie, If I be a man of God, then let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee and thy fiftie. And there came downe fire from heauen, and consumed him and his fiftie.

11 Againe also hee sent vnto him another captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: And hee answered, and said vnto him, O man of God, Thus hath the king said, Come downe quickly.

12 And Eliiah answered, and saide vnto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee, and thy fiftie. And the fire of God came downe from heauen, and consumed him, and his fiftie.

13 And hee sent againe a captaine of the thirde fiftie, with his fiftie: and the thirde captaine of fiftie went vp, and came and [†] fell on his knees before Eliiah, and besought him, and saide vnto him, Oh man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fiftie thy seruants, be precious in thy sight.

[†] Hebr. bowed.

14 Behold, there came fire downe from heauen, and burnt vp the two captaines of the former fifties, with their fifties: Therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And

* Chap. 3.
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[†] Heb. the bed, whither thou art gone vp, thou shalt not come downe from it.

15 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Elijah, Goe downe with him, be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went downe with him vnto the king.

16 And he said vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron (is it not because there is no God in Israel, to enquire of his word?) therefore thou shalt not come downe off that bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died, according to the worde of the LORD which Elijah had spoken: and Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second yeere of Jehoram the sonne of Jehoshaphat king of Iudah, because he had no sonne.

18 Now the rest of the actes of Ahaziah, which hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

1 Elijah, taking his leaue of Elisha, with his mantle diuideth Iordan, 9 and granting Elisha his request, is taken vp by a fierie chariot into heauen. 12 Elisha, diuiding Iordan with Elijahs mantle, is acknowledged his successor.

16 The young prophets, hardly obtaining leaue to seeke Elijah, could not finde him. 19 Elisha with salt, healeth the vnwholesome waters. 23 Beares destroy the children that mocked Elisha.

AND it came to passe when the LORD would take vp Elijah into heauen by a whirlewinde, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said vnto Elisha, Tarie here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel: and Elisha said vnto him, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. So they went downe to Bethel.

3 And the sonnes of the Prophets that were at Bethel, came forth to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it, hold you your peace.

4 And Elijah said vnto him, Elisha, tarie here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho: And hee said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sonnes of the Prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? and hee answered, Yea, I knowe it, holde you your peace.

6 And Elijah said vnto him, Tarie, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. And they two went on.

7 And fiftie men of the sonnes of the Prophets went, and stood to view afarre off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah tooke his mantle, and wrapt it together, and smote the waters, and they were diuided hither and thither, so that they two went ouer on drie ground.

9 And it came to passe when they were gone ouer, that Elijah said vnto Elisha, Aske what I shall doe for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be vpon me.

10 And hee said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: neuerthelesse, if thou see me, when I am taken from thee, it shall be so vnto thee: but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to passe as they still went on and talked, that beholde, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder, and *Elijah went vp by a whirlewind into heauen.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he tooke hold of his owne cloathes, and rent them in two pecies.

13 He tooke vp also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the banke of Jordan.

14 And he tooke the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when hee also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went ouer.

15 And when the sonnes of the Prophets which were to view at Jericho, saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha: And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

† Hebr. in sight, or over against.

† Hebr. thou hast done hard in asking.

* Ecclus. 48. 9. 1. mac. 2. 58.

* Chap. 13. 14.

† Hebr. lip.

* Verse 7.

† Hebr.
sonnes of
strength.

† Hebr. one
of the moun-
taines.

16 And they said vnto him, Behold now, there bee with thy seruants fiftie † strong men, let them goe, we pray thee, and seeke thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him vp, and cast him vpon † some mountaine, or into some valley. And he said, We shall not send.

17 And when they vrged him, till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fiftie men, and they sought thre dayes, but found him not.

18 And when they came againe to him (for he taried at Jericho) hee said vnto them, Did I not say vnto you, Goe not?

† Hebr. cau-
sing to mis-
cary.

19 And the men of the city said vnto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is nought, and the ground † barren.

20 And hee said, Bring mee a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth vnto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I haue healed these waters: there shall not be from thence any more death, or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed vnto this day, according to the saying of Elisha, which he spake.

23 And he went vp from thence vnto Bethel: and as hee was going by the way, there came forth little children out of the citie, and mocked him, and said vnto him, Goe vp thou bald head, Goe vp thou bald head.

24 And hee turned backe, and looked on them, and cursed them in the Name of the LORD: and there came forth two shee Beares out of the wood, and tare fortie and two children of them.

25 And hee went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 Iehorams reigne. 4 Mesha rebelleth. 6 Iehoram, with Iehoshaphat, and the king of Edom, being distressed for want of water, by Elisha obtaineth water, and promise of victory. 21 The Moabites deceiued by the colour of the water, comming to spoile, are ouercome. 26 The king of Moab, by sacrificing the king of Edoms sonne, raiseth the siege.

NOW Iehoram the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, the eighteenth yere of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, and reigned twelue yeeres.

2 And he wrought euill in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and like his mother: for hee put away the † image of Baal that his father had made.

† Hebr.
statue.

3 Neuerthelesse, hee cleaued vnto the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne: he departed not therefrom.

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepe-master, and rendred vnto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambes, and an hundred thousand rammes, with the wooll.

5 But it came to passe when * Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

* Chap. I.
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6 And king Iehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbred all Israel.

7 And he went, and sent to Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against mee: wilt thou goe with mee against Moab to battell? and he said, I will goe by: * I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

* I. King.
22.4.

8 And he said, which way shall we goe by? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Iudah, and the king of Edom: and they fetcht a compasse of seuen dayes iourney: and there was no water for the hoste, and for the cattell † that followed them.

† Hebr. at
their feet.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas, that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliuer them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Iehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israels seruants answered, and said, Here is Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, which powred water on the hands of Eliah.

12 And Iehoshaphat saide, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel, & Iehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went downe to him.

13 And Elisha saide vnto the king of Israel,

† Heb. w
cryed con-
ther.
† Heb. g
himselfe
with a gi-
dle.

† Heb. d
froyed.

Or, they
sawre vs
cruen from
tong.

Israel, what haue I to doe with thee: Get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said vnto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliuer them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hostes liueth, before whom I stand, Surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the King of Iudah, I would not looke toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrell. And it came to passe when the minstrell played, that the hand of the LORD came vpon him.

16 And hee sayde, Thus sayth the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus sayth the LORD, Bee shall not see winde, neither shall ye see raine, yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drinke, both ye, and your cattell, and your beasts.

18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD, he will deliuer the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite euery fenced citie, and euery choice citie, and shall fell euery good tree, and stop all welles of water, and marre euery good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to passe in the morning when the meate offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the countrey was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come vp to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and vpward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose vp early in the morning, and the Sunne shone vpon the water, and the Moabites sawe the water on the other side as red as blood.

23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slaine, and they haue smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoile.

24 And when they came to the campe of Israel, the Israelites rose vp and smote the Moabites, so that they fledde before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, euery in their countrey.

25 And they beat downe the cities, and on euery good piece of land cast

euery man his stone, and filled it, and they stopped all the welles of water, and felled all the good trees: [†] onely in Kirharaseth left they the stones there: howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

26 And when the king of Moab sawe that the battell was too sore for him, he tooke with him seuen hundred men that drewe swordes, to breake thorow euery vnto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then hee tooke his eldest sonne that should haue reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering vpon the wall: and there was great indignation against Israel, and they departed from him, and returned to their owne land.

CHAP. IIII.

- 1 Elisha multiplieth the widowes oyle. 8 Hee giueth a sonne to the good Shunammite. 18 Hee raiseth againe her dead sonne. 38 At Gilgal hee healeth the deadly pottage. 42 Hee satisfieth an hundred men with twentie loaves.

Now there cryed a certaine woman of the wiues of the sonnes of the prophets vnto Elisha, saying, Thy seruant my husband is dead, and thou knowest that thy seruant did feare the LORD: and the creditour is come to take vnto him my two sonnes to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said vnto her, what shall I doe for thee: Tell mee, what hast thou in the house: And shee sayd, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, saue a pot of oyle.

3 Then hee said, Goe, borrow thee vessels abroad, of all thy neighbours; euery emptie vessels, borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the doore vpon thee, and vpon thy sonnes, and shalt powre out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So shee went from him, and shut the doore vpon her, & vpon her sonnes: who brought the vessels to her, and shee powred out.

6 And it came to passe, when the vessels were full, that shee said vnto her sonne, Bring me yet a vessell. And hee said vnto her, There is not a vessell more. And the oyle stayed.

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7 Then

† Heb. vntill he left the stones there: of in Kirharaseth.

† Heb. grieue

† Heb. were cryed together.

† Heb. gird himselfe with a girdle.

† Heb. destroyed.

|| Or, they smote in it, euery smiting.

|| Or, scant not.

Or, credi-
tour.

† Heb. there
was a day.

† Heb. laid
hold on him.

7 Then she came, and told the man of God: and he said, Goe, sell the oyle, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and shee † constrained him to eat bread: And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, hee turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And shee said vnto her husband, Behold now, I perceiue that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by vs continually.

10 Let vs make a litle chamber, I pray thee, on the wall, and let vs set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stoole, and a candlesticke: and it shall be when he commeth to vs, that hee shall turne in thither.

11 And it fell on a day that hee came thither, and hee turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his seruant, Call this Shunammite. And when hee had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said vnto him, Say, now vnto her, Behold, thou hast beene careful for vs with all this care; what is to be done for thee: wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captaine of the hoste: And she answered, I dwell among mine owne people.

14 And he said, what then is to be done for her: And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the doore.

* Gen. 18.

10.

† Heb. set
time.

16 And he said, * About this † season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a sonne. And she said, Nay my lord, thou man of God, doe not lie vnto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a sonne at that season, that Elisha had said vnto her, according to the time of life.

18 And when the child was growen, it fell on a day that hee went out to his father, to the reapers.

19 And he said vnto his father, My head, my head: and he said to a ladde, Carie him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, hee sate on her knees till noone, and then died.

21 And she went vp, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the

doore vpon him, and went out.

22 And she called vnto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the yong men, and one of the asses, that I may runne to the man of God, and come againe.

23 And he said, wherefore wilt thou goe to him to day: it is neither newe moone nor Sabbath. And shee said, It shall be † well.

† Heb. peace.

24 Then she sadled an asse, and said to her seruant, Drive, and goe forward: † slacke not thy riding for mee, except I bid thee.

† Heb. re-
straine not
for me to
ride.

25 So she went, and came vnto the man of God to mount Carmel: and it came to passe when the man of God saw her afarre off, that hee said to Gehazi his seruant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

26 Runne now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say vnto her, Is it wel with thee: is it wel with thy husband: is it wel with the child: And she answered, It is well.

27 And when shee came to the man of God to the hill, shee caught † him by the feet: but Gehazi came neere to thrust her away. And the man of God saide, Let her alone, for her soule is † vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

† Heb. by his
feete.

† Heb. bitter

28 Then shee said, Did I desire a sonne of my LORD: did I not say, Doe not deceiue me:

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird by thy loines, and take my staffe in thine hand, and goe thy way: if thou meete any man, salute him not: and if any salute thee, answer him not againe: and lay my staffe vpon the face of the childe.

30 And the mother of the childe said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staffe vpon the face of the childe, but there was neither voyce, nor † hearing: wherefore he went againe to meete him, and tolde him, saying, The childe is not awaked.

† Heb. atten-
tion.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the childe was dead, and laid vpon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the doore vpon them twaine, and prayed vnto the LORD.

34 And he went vp, and lay vpon the childe, and put his mouth vpon his mouth, and his eyes vpon his eyes, and his

† Heb. on
his feet, as
once this

† Heb. en-
doug.

† Or, in his
sleepe, or ga-
ment,

† Iohn 6.
11.

his hands vpon his hands, and he stretched himselfe vpon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warme.

† Heb. once
hither, and
once thither.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house † to and fro, and went by, and stretched himselfe vpon him: and the child needed seuen times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And hee called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So hee called her: and when shee was come in vnto him, he said, Take vp thy sonne.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed her selfe to the ground, and tooke vp her sonne, and went out.

38 And Elisha came againe to Gilgal, and there was a dearth in the land, and the sonnes of the Prophets were sitting before him: and hee said vnto his seruant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sonnes of the Prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbes, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wilde gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

40 So they powred out for the men to eat: and it came to passe as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eate thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meale. And he cast it into the pot: And he said, Powre out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no † harme in the pot.

† Heb. enil
thing.

42 And there came a man from Baal-Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twentie loanes of barley, and full eares of corne † in the huske thereof: and he said, Giue vnto the people, that they may eate.

† Or, in his
scrip, or gar-
ment.

43 And his seruitor saide, What should I set this before an hundred men: he said againe, Giue the people, that they may eate: for thus saith the LORD, * They shall eate, and shall leaue thereof.

* Iohn 6.
11.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eate, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

- 1 Naaman, by the report of a captiue mayd, is sent to Samaria to be cured of his leprosie. 8 Elisha, sending him to Iordan, cureth him. 15 He refusing Naamans gifts; granteth

him some of the earth. 20 Gehazi, abusing his masters name vnto Naaman, is smitten with leprosie.

NOW Naaman captaine of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man † with his master, and † honourable, because by him the LORD had giuen † deliuerance vnto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

† Heb. be-
fore.

† Or, graci-
ous. Hebr.
lifted up, or
accepted in
countenance.
† Or, victory.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captiue out of the land of Israel a litle maid, & she † waited on Naamans wife.

† Heb. was
before.

3 And shee saide vnto her mistresse, would God my lord were † with the Prophet that is in Samaria, for hee would † recouer him of his leprosie.

† Heb. be-
fore.

4 And one went in, and tolde his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the mayd that is of the land of Israel.

† Heb. ga-
ther in.

5 And the king of Syria said, Goe to, Goe, and I will send a letter vnto the king of Israel. And hee departed, and tooke † with him ten talents of siluer, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

† Heb. in
his hand.

6 And hee brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come vnto thee, behold, I haue therewith sent Naaman my seruant to thee, that thou mayest recouer him of his leprosie.

7 And it came to passe when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make aliue, that this man doeth send vnto me, to recouer a man of his leprosie: wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrell against me.

8 And it was so when Elisha the man of God had heard, that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes: Let him come now to mee, and he shall know that there is a Prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses, and with his charet, and stood at the doore of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger vnto him, saying, Goe and wash in Iordane seuen times, and thy flesh shall come againe to thee, and thou shalt be cleane.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and saide, Beholde, † I thought, he will surely come out to me

† Heb. said.
Or, I said
with my
selfe, He will
surely come
out &c.

† Hebr.
mooue up
and downe.
|| Or, A-
mana.

and stand, and call on the Name of the LORD his God,† and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not || Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better then all the waters of Israel: May I not wash in them, and be cleane: So he turned, and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came neere and spake vnto him, and said, My father, If the Prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not haue done it: How much rather then, when hee saith to thee, Wash and be cleane:

14 Then went he downe, and dipped himselfe seuen times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came againe like vnto the flesh of a litle childe, and *he was cleane.

* Luke 4.
27.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, As the LORD liueth, before whom I stand, I will receive none: And hee bged him to take it, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be giuen to thy servant two mules burden of earth: for thy servant wil henceforth offer neither burnt offering, nor sacrifice vnto other gods, but vnto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and hee leaneth on my hand, and I bow my selfe in the house of Rimmon: when I bow downe my selfe in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

19 And he said vnto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him, † a litle way.

† Hebr. a
litle piece of
ground.

20 ¶ But Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiuing at his hands that which hee brought: but as the LORD liueth, I wil runne after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman: and when Naaman saw him running after him, hee lighted downe from the charet to meet him, and said, † Is all well?

† Hebr. Is
there peace?

22 And he said, All is well: my master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to mee from mount Ephraim two yong men, of the sonnes of the Prophets: Giue them, I pray thee, a talent of siluer, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Wee content, take two talents: and hee bged him, and bound two talents of siluer in two bags, with two changes of garments, and layde them vpon two of his servants, and they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the towne, he tooke them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house, and hee let the men goe, and they departed.

|| Or, sette
place.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master: and Elisha said vnto him, whence comest thou, Gehazi: And hee said, Thy servant went † no whither.

† Hebr. Not
hither or
thither.

26 And he said vnto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned againe from his charet to meete thee: Is it a time to receiue money, and to receiue garments, and Oliue yards, and Vineyards, and sheepe, and oxen, and men servants, and mayd servants:

27 The leprosie therefore of Naaman shall cleaue vnto thee, and vnto thy seede for euer: And hee went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

CHAP. VI.

1 Elisha giuing leaue to the yong Prophets to enlarge their dwellings, causeth yron to swim.

8 Hee discloseth the king of Syria his counsell. 13 The armie which was sent to Dothan to apprehend Elisha, is smitten with blindness: 19 Being brought into Samaria, they are dismissed in peace. 24 The famine in Samaria, causeth women to eate their owne children. 30 The king sendeth to slay Elisha.

¶ And the sonnes of the Prophets saide vnto Elisha, Beholde now, the place where wee dwell with thee, is too strait for vs:

2 Let vs goe, wee pray thee, vnto Jordane, and take thence euery man a beame, and let vs make vs a place there where we may dwell. And hee answered, Goe ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and goe with thy servants. And he answered, I will goe.

4 So hee went with them: and when

When they came to Iordane, they cut downe wood.

† Heb. yron. 5 But as one was felling a beame, the † axe head fell into the water: and hee cryed, and sayd, Alas master, for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, where fell it: and hee shewed him the place: and he cut downe a sticke, and cast it in thither, and the yron did swimme.

7 Therefore said he, Take it vp to thee: And hee put out his hand, and tooke it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and tooke counsell with his seruants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my campe. † Or, encamping.

9 And the man of God sent vnto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou passe not such a place: for thither the Syrians are come downe.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God tolde him, and warned him of, and saued himselfe there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing, and he called his seruants, and said vnto them, Will ye not shewe me which of vs is for the king of Israel?

† Heb. No. 12 And one of his seruants sayde, None, my lord O king: but Elisha the Prophet, that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel, the wordes that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

13 And he said, Goe and spie where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was tolde him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

† Heb. bea-
nie. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and charets, and a † great hoste: and they came by night, and compassed the citie about.

15 And when the † seru-
† Or, mini-
ster. ant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the citie, both with horses and charets: and his seru-
† Heb. bea-
nie. ant said vnto him, Alas my master, how shall we doe?

* 2. Chron. 32.7. 16 And he answered, Feare not: for * they that be with vs, are moe then they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and sayde, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and hee saw: and behold, the mountaine was full of horses, and charets of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came downe to him, Elisha prayed vnto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindnesse. And hee smote them with blindnesse, according to the word of Elisha.

19 ¶ And Elisha saide vnto them, This is not the way, neither is this the citie: † follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seeke. But hee led them to Samaria. † Heb. come
ye after me.

20 And it came to passe when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw, and beholde, they were in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel saide vnto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: Wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captiue with thy sword, and with thy bow: set bread and water before them, that they may eate, and drinke, and go to their master.

23 And hee prepared great prouision for them, and when they had eaten and drunke, hee sent them away, and they went to their master: so the bands of Syria came no more into the lande of Israel.

24 ¶ And it came to passe after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his hoste, and went vp, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they besieged it, vntill an asses head was solde for foure-score pieces of siluer, and the fourth part of a kab of doves downg for five pieces of siluer.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by vpon the wall, there cried a woman vnto him, saying, Helpe, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, ¶ If the LORD do not helpe thee, whence shall I helpe thee: out of the barne floore, or out of the wine presse?

† Or, Let not
the Lord
saue thee.

28 And the king said vnto her, What aileth thee: And shee answered, This woman said vnto me, Giue thy sonne, that we may eate him to day, and wee will eate my sonne to morrow.

29 So * we boyled my sonne, and did eate him: and I saide vnto her on the † next day, Giue thy sonne, that we may eate

* Deut. 28.
53.

† Heb. other.

eate him: and she hath hid her sonne.

30 **C** And it came to passe when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes, and hee passed by vpon the wall, and the people looked, and behold, hee had sackcloth with in, vpon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God doe so, and more also to mee, if the head of Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, shall stand on him this day.

32 But Elisha sate in his house (and the elders sate with him) and the king sent a man from before him: but yer the messenger came to him, hee said to the Elders, See yee how this sonne of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head: Looke when the messenger cometh, shut the doore, and hold him fast at the doore: Is not the sound of his masters feete behind him?

33 And while hee yet talked with them, beholde, the messenger came downe vnto him: and he said, Behold, this euill is of the **LORD**, what should I waite for the **LORD** any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 Elisha prophecieth incredible plenty in Samaria. 3 Foure Lepers venturing on the host of the Syrians, bring tydings of their flight. 22 The king finding by spies the newes to be true, spoileth the tents of the Syrians. 17 The Lord, who would not beleue the prophecy of plenty, hauing the charge of the gate, is troden to death in the presse.

Then Elisha said, Heare yee the word of the **LORD**, Thus saith the **LORD**, To morrowe about this time shal a measure of fine flower be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then † a lord on whose hand the king leaned, answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the **LORD** would make windowes in heauen, might this thing bee: and he saide, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eate thereof.

3 **C** And there were foure leproous men at the entring in of the gate: and they saide one to another, Why sit wee here vntill we die?

4 If we say, We will enter into the citie, then the famine is in the citie, and wee shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come,

and let vs fall vnto the host of the Syrians: if they saue vs aliue, we shall liue; and if they kill vs, we shall but die.

5 And they rose vp in the twilight, to goe vnto the campe of the Syrians: and when they were come to the vttermost part of the campe of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the **LORD** had made the host of the Syrians to heare a noise of charrets, and a noise of horses, euen the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Loe, the king of Israel hath hired against vs the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come vpon vs.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, euen the campe as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the vttermost part of the campe, they went into one tent, and did eate, and drinke, and carried thence siluer, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it, and came againe, and entred into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We doe not well: this day is a day of good tydings, and we hold our peace: if we tarie till the morning light, † some mischief will come vpon vs: now we therefore come, that we may goe, and tell the kings household.

10 So they came, and called vnto the porter of the citie: and they told them, saying, We came to the campe of the Syrians, and behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tyed, and asses tyed, and the tents as they were.

11 And hee called the porters, and they told it to the kings house within.

12 **C** And the king arose in the night, and said vnto his seruants, I will now shew you what the Syrians haue done to vs: They know that we be hungrie, therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themselves in the field, saying: when they come out of the citie, we shall catch them aliue, and get into the citie.

13 And one of his seruants answered, and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remaine, which are left † in the citie: behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are euen as all the multitude of the Israelites

† Heb. a Lord which belonged to the King, leaning upon his hand.

† Heb. we shall find punishment.

† Heb. in it.

lites that are consumed) and let vs send, and see.

14 They tooke therefore two charet horses, and the king sent after the hoste of the Syrians, saying, Goe, and see.

15 And they went after them vnto Iordane, and loe, all the way was full of garments, and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste: and the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians: So a measure of fine floure was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned, to haue the charge of the gate: and the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came downe to him.

18 And it came to passe, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine floure for a shekel, shalbe to morrow about this time, in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now behold, if the LORD should make windowes in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eate thereof.

20 And so it fell out vnto him: for the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Shunammite, hauing left her countrey seven yeeres, to auoide the forewarned famine, for Elisas miracle sake, hath her land restored by the king. 7 Hazael being sent with a present by Benhadad to Elisha at Damascus, after he had heard the prophesie, killeth his master, and succeedeth him. 16 Iehorams wicked reigne in Iudah. 20 Edom and Libnah reuolt. 23 Ahaziah succeedeth Iehoram. 25 Ahaziah's wicked reigne. 28 He visiteth Iehoram wounded, at Iezreel.

When spake Elisha vnto the woman (* whose sonne he had restored to life) saying, Arise, and goe thou and thine houtholde, and sojourne whersoeuer thou canst sojourne: for the LORD hath called for a famine, and it shall also come vpon the land seven yeeres.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her houtholde, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven yeeres.

3 And it came to passe at the seven yeeres ende, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to crie vnto the king for her house, and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the seruant of the man of God, saying, Tell mee, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

5 And it came to passe as he was telling the king how hee had restored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whose sonne he had restored to life, cryed to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord O king, this is the woman, and this is her sonne, whom Elisha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she tolde him. So the king appointed vnto her a certaine officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruites of the field, since the day that she left the land, euen till now.

7 And Elisha came to Damascus, and Benhadad the king of Syria was sicke, and it was tolde him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said vnto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and goe meete the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recouer of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meete him, and tooke a present with him, euen of euery good thing of Damascus, fourtie camels burden, and came, and stood before him, and said, Thy sonne Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recouer of this disease?

10 And Elisha said vnto him, Goe, say vnto him, Thou mayest certainly recouer: howbeit, the LORD hath shewed me, that he shall surely die.

11 And hee settled his countenance steadfastly, vntill he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the euill that thou wilt doe vnto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip vp their women with childe.

13 And

|| Or, Eunuch.

† Heb. in his hand.

† Heb. and set it.

13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dogge, that he should doe this great thing: And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed mee that thou shalt be king ouer Syria.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who saide to him, what said Elisha to thee: and hee answered, he told me that thou shouldst surely recover.

15 And it came to passe on the morrow, that he tooke a thicke cloth, and dipt it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died, and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth yeere of Joram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the sonne of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reigne.

17 Thirtie and two yeeres old was he when he began to reigne, and hee reigned eight yeeres in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife, and hee did euill in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, for David his servants sake, as hee promised to giue to him alway a light, and to his children.

20 In his dayes Edom revolted from vnder the hand of Judah, and made a king ouer themselves.

21 So Joram went ouer to Zair, and all the charrets with him, and hee rose by night, and smote the Edomites, which compassed him about: and the captaines of the charrets, and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from vnder the hand of Judah vnto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the actes of Joram, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah:

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of David: And Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth yeere of Joram the sonne of Ahab, king of Israel, did Ahaziah, the sonne of Jehoram king of Judah, begin to reigne.

26 Two and twentieth yeeres old was Ahaziah when he began to reigne, and

he reigned one yeere in Jerusalem, and his mothers name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did euill in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for hee was the sonne in law of the house of Ahab.

28 And he went with Joram the sonne of Ahab, to the warre against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth Gilead, and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And king Joram went backe to be healed in Jezreel, of the woundes which the Syrians had giuen him at Ramah, when hee fought against Hazael king of Syria: And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went downe to see Joram the sonne of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sicke.

CHAP. IX.

1 Elisha sendeth a yong Prophet with instructions to annoint Iehu at Ramoth Gilead. 4 The Prophet hauing done his message, flieth. 11 Iehu being made king by the souldiers, killeth Ioram in the field of Naboth. 27 Ahaziah is slaine at Gur, and buried at Jerusalem. 30 Proud Iezebel is throwen downe out of a window, and eaten by dogs.

AND Elisha the Prophet called one of the children of the Prophets, and said vnto him, Gird vp thy loines, and take this bore of oile in thine hand, and goe to Ramoth Gilead.

2 And when thou comdest thither, looke out there Iehu the sonne of Jehoshaphat, the sonne of Nimshi, and goe in, and make him arise vp from among his brethren, and carie him to an inner chamber.

3 Then take the bore of oile, and poure it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I haue anointed thee king ouer Israel: then open the doore, and flee, and tary not.

4 So the yong man, euen the yong man the Prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead:

5 And when hee came, behold, the captaines of the host were sitting, and hee said, I haue an errand to thee, O captaine: And Iehu said, Vnto which of all vs: And he said, To thee, O captaine.

6 And hee arose, and went into the house,

* 2. Chron.
21. 4.
† Hebr. reigned.

* 2. Sam. 7.
12.
† Hebr.
candle, or
lampe.

* 2. Chron.
22. 1.

† Hebr.
wherein
the Syrians
had wounded.
† Hebr.
wounded.

† Heb. chamber in a chamber.
* 1. King.
19. 16.

* Cha. 8.
† Heb. Ioram.

† Heb. Iehu
escaper go
on.

house, and hee powred the oyle on his head, and said vnto him, Thus sayth the **LORD** God of Israel, I haue annoynted thee king ouer the people of the **LORD**, euen ouer Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may auenge the blood of my seruants the Prophets, and the blood of all the seruants of the **LORD**, *at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and *I will cut off from Ahab, him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut vp and left in Israel.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab, like the house of *Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, and like the house of *Baasha the sonne of Abiah.

10 And the dogges shall eate Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to burie her. And he opened the doore, and fled.

11 Then Iehu came forth to the seruants of his lord, and one said vnto him, Is all well? Wherefore came this madde fellow to thee? And he said vnto them, Bee know the man, and his communication.

12 And they said, It is false, tell vs now: And hee sayde, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the **LORD**, I haue annoynted thee King ouer Israel.

13 Then they hasted, and tooke euery man his garment, and put it vnder him on the top of the staires, and blew with trumpets, saying, Iehu[†] is king.

14 So Iehu the sonne of Jehoshaphat, the sonne of Nimshi, conspired against Ioram: (now Ioram had kept Ramoth Gilead, hee, and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria:

15 But *king[†] Ioram was returned to bee healed in Jezreel, of the wounds which the Syrians had[†] giuen him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Iehu said, If it be your minds, then[†] let none goe forth nor escape out of the citie, to goe to tell it in Jezreel.

16 So Iehu rode in a charet, and went to Jezreel, (for Ioram lay there:) and Ahaziah king of Iudah was come downe to see Ioram.

17 And there stood a watchman on the towre in Jezreel, and heespied the company of Iehu as he came, and said, I see a companie. And Ioram sayd, Take an horseman, and send to meete

them, and let him say, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horsebacke to meete him, and said, Thus sayth the king, Is it peace? And Iehu said, What hast thou to doe with peace? turne thee behinde me. And the watchman tolde, saying, The messenger came to them, but he commeth not againe.

19 Then he sent out a second on horsebacke, which came to them, and sayd, Thus sayth the king, Is it peace? And Iehu answered, What hast thou to doe with peace? turne thee behinde me.

20 And the watchman tolde, saying, He came euen vnto them, and cometh not againe: and the^{||} driving is like the driving of Iehu the sonne of Nimshi: for he driueth[†] furiously.

21 And Ioram said, [†]Make readie. And his charet was made ready. And Ioram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Iudah, went out, each in his charet, and they went out against Iehu, and[†] met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to passe when Ioram saw Iehu, that hee said, Is it peace, Iehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredomes of thy mother Jezebel, and her witchcrafts are so many?

23 And Ioram turned his hand, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Iehu[†] drew a bowe with his full strength, and smote Iehoram betweene his armes, and the arrow went out at his heart, and hee[†] sunke downe in his charet.

25 Then said Iehu to Bidkar his captaine, Take vp, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember, how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the **LORD** laide this burden vpon him:

26 * Surely I haue scene yesterday the[†] blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sonnes, sayd the **LORD**, and I will requite thee in this^{||} plat, sayth the **LORD**. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the **LORD**.

27 But when Ahaziah the king of Iudah saw this, hee fled by the way of the garden house: and Iehu followed after him, and said, Smitte him also in the charet; and they did so, at the going vp to Gur, which is by Ibleam: And hee

^{||} Or, marching.

[†] Heb. in madnesse.

[†] Heb. bind.

[†] Heb. found

[†] Heb. filled his hand with a bow.

[†] Heb. bowed.

* I. Kings 21.29.
[†] Heb. bloods

^{||} Or, portion.

* I. Kings 21.15.

* I. Kings 14.10. and 21.21.

* I. Kings 14.10. and 21.22.
* I. Kings 16.3.

[†] Heb. reigneth.

* Cha. 8.29
[†] Heb. Iehoram.
[†] Heb. smote

[†] Heb. let no escaper goe, &c.

hee fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his seruants caried him in a charet to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers, in the citie of Dauid.

29 And in the eleuenth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reigne ouer Iudah.

30 And when Iehu was come to Jezreel, Iezebel heard of it, and shee painted her face, and tyed her head, and looked out at a window.

† Heb. put her eyes in painting.

31 And as Iehu entred in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lift vp his face to the window, and said, who is on my side, who? And there looked out to him two or three Eunuches.

|| Or. chamberlaines.

33 And he said, Throw her downe. So they threw her downe, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her vnder foote.

34 And when he was come in, hee did eate and drinke, and saide, Goe, see now this cursed woman, and burie her: for she is a kings daughter.

35 And they went to burie her, but they found no more of her then the skul, and the feete, & the palmes of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came againe, and told him: and he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his seruant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, * In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eate the flesh of Iezebel:

† Heb. by the hand of.
* 1. King.
21.23.

37 And the carkeise of Iezebel shall be as dung vpon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Iezebel.

CHAP. X.

1 Iehu by his letters causeth seuentie of Ahabs children to be beheaded. 8 He excuseth the facte by the prophecie of Elijah. 12 At the shearing house he slayeth two and fourtie of Ahaziahs brethren. 15 Hee taketh Iehonadab into his company. 18 By subtiltie hee destroyeth all the worshippers of Baal. 29 Iehu followeth Ieroboams finnes. 32 Hazael oppresseth Israel. 34 Iehoahaz succeedeth Iehu.

AND Ahab had seuentie sonnes in Samaria: and Iehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria vnto the rulers of Jezreel, to the Elders, and to them that brought vp Ahabs children, saying,

† Heb. nourishers.

2 Now as soone as this letter cometh to you, seeing your masters sons are with you, and there are with you charrets and horses, a fenced citie also, and armour:

3 Looke euen out the best and meekest of your masters sonnes, and set him on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that was ouer the house, and he that was ouer the citie, the elders also, and the bringers vp of the children, sent to Iehu, saying, Wee are thy seruants, and will doe all that thou shalt bid vs, we will not make any king: doe thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If yee be mine, and if ye will hearken vnto my voyce, take ye the heads of the men your masters sonnes, and come to me to Jezreel by to morow this time: (now the kings sonnes being seuentie persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them vp.)

† Heb. for me.

7 And it came to passe when the letter came to them, that they tooke the kings sonnes, and slew seuentie persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

8 And there came a messenger, and tolde him, saying, They haue brought the heads of the kings sonnes. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entring in of the gate, vntill the morning.

9 And it came to passe in the morning, that he went out, & stood, and said to all the people, Be ye righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: But who slew all these?

10 Know now, that there shall fall vnto the earth nothing of the worde of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake * by his seruant Elijah.

11 So Iehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab, in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolkes, and his priests, vntill he left him none remaining.

* 1. King.
21.29.

† Heb. by the hand of.
|| Or, acquaintance.

12 And hee arose, and departed, and came to Samaria: And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

† Heb. house of shepherds binding sheepe.
† Heb. found.

13 Iehu met with the brethren of Ahab.

Abaziah king of Judah, and said, who are ye? And they answered, Wee are the brethren of Abaziah, and we go downe to salute the children of the King, and the children of the Queene.

14 And hee said, Take them alieue. And they tooke them alieue, and flew them at the pit of the shearing house, euen two and fourty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when hee was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the sonne of Rechab, comming to meet him: and he saluted him, & said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is: If it be, giue mee thine hand. And hee gaue him his hand, and hee tooke him vp to him into the charet.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeale for the LORD: so they made him ride in his charet.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he flew all that remained vnto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Eliah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said vnto them, Ahab serued Baal a litle, but Jehu shall serue him much.

19 Now therefore, call vnto me all the prophets of Baal, all his seruants, and all his priests, let none be wanting: for I haue a great sacrifice to doe to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not liue. But Jehu did it in subtiltie, to the intent that hee might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Proclaime a solemne assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not: and they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he said vnto him that was ouer the bestrie, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the sonne of Rechab into the house of Baal, and said vnto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and looke that there be here with you none of the seruants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal onely.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices, and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourescore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I haue brought into your hands, escape, hee that letteth him goe, his life shall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to passe as soone as hee had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu saide to the guard, and to the captaines, Goe in, and slay them, let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword, and the guard, and the captaines cast them out, and went to the citie of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burnt them.

27 And they brake downe the image of Baal, and brake downe the house of Baal, and made it a draughthouse, vnto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 Holwebeit, from the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said vnto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done vnto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation, shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu tooke no heede to walke in the Law of the LORD God of Israel, with all his heart: for he departed not from the sinnes of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sinne.

32 In those dayes the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel:

33 From Jordan Eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, (which is by the river Arnon) euen Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, & all his might, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

† Hebr. so
the peace of
&c.

† Hebr.
found.

† Hebr.
blessed.

† Hebr.
the mouth.

† Hebr. sta-
tues.

† Hebr. ob-
served not.

† Hebr. to
cut off the
ends.

† Hebr. to-
ward the ri-
sing of the
Sunne.

Or, euen to
Gilead and
Bashan.

Or, so full,
that they
stood mouth
to mouth.

† Heb. the
dayes were.

36 And † the time that Jehu reigned
ouer Israel in Samaria, was twentie
and eight yeeres.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jehoash, being saued by Iehosheba his aunt
from Athaliahs massacre of the seed royall,
ishid sixe yeeres in the house of God. 4 Ie-
hoiada giuing order to the captaines, in the
seuenth yeere anointeth him King. 13 A-
thaliah is flaine. 17 Iehoiada restoreth the
worship of God.

* 2. Chron.
22.10.

AND When * Athaliah the
mother of Ahaziah sawe
that her sonne was dead,
she arose, and destroyed all
the † seed royall.

† Heb. seede
of the king-
dome.

2 But Iehosheba the daughter of
king Ioram, sister of Ahaziah, tooke
Joash the sonne of Ahaziah, and stalle
him from among the Kings sonnes
which were flaine; and they hid him,
euen him and his nurse in the bed-cham-
ber from Athaliah, so that he was not
flaine.

3 And he was with her hidde in the
house of the LORD, sixe yeeres: and
Athaliah did reigne ouer the land.

* 2. Chron.
23.1.

4 And * the seuenth yeere Jeho-
iada sent and fet the rulers ouer hun-
dreds, with the captains, and the guard,
and brought them to him into the house
of the LORD, and made a couenant
with them, and tooke an othe of them
in the house of the LORD, and shewed
them the Kings sonne.

5 And he commanded them, saying,
This is the thing that yee shall doe: A
third part of you that enter in on the
Sabbath, shall euen be keepers of the
watch of the kings house:

6 And a third part shall be at the gate
of Sur, and a third part at the gate be-
hinde the guard: so shall yee keepe the
watch of the house, || that it be not bro-
ken downe.

|| Or, from
breaking up.

|| Or, compa-
nies. Heb.
hands.

7 And two || parts of all you, that
goe forth on the Sabbath, euen they
shall keepe the watch of the house of the
LORD about the King.

8 And yee shall compasse the King
round about, every man with his wea-
pons in his hand: and he that commeth
within the ranges, let him bee flaine:
and be yee with the king, as hee goeth
out, and as he commeth in.

9 And the captaines ouer the hun-
dreds did according to all things that

Jehoiada the Priest commanded: and
they tooke euery man his men that
were to come in on the Sabbath, with
them that should goe out on the Sab-
bath, and came to Jehoiada the Priest.

10 And to the captaines ouer hun-
dreds, did the Priest giue king Dauids
speares and shields, that were in the
Temple.

11 And the guard stood, euery man
with his weapons in his hand, round
about the king, from the right † corner
of the Temple, to the left corner of the
Temple, along by the Altar and the
Temple.

† Heb. shoul-
der.

12 And he brought forth the kings
sonne, and put the crowne vpon him,
and gaue him the Testimonie, and they
made him King, and anointed him, and
they clapt their hands, and said, † God
saue the King.

† Heb. let
the king
liue.

13 And when Athaliah heard the
noyse of the guard, and of the people, she
came to the people, into the Temple of
the LORD.

14 And when shee looked, behold,
the king stood by a pillar, as the maner
was, and the Princes, and the trumpet-
ters by the King, and all the people of
the land reioyced, and blew with trum-
pets: and Athaliah rent her clothes,
and cryed, Treason, treason.

15 But Jehoiada the Priest com-
manded the captaines of the hundreds,
the officers of the hoste, and sayde vnto
them, Haue her forth without the
ranges: and him that followeth her,
kill with the sword: for the Priest had
sayd, Let her not be flaine in the house
of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her, and
she went by the way, by the which the
horses came into the kings house, and
there was she flaine.

17 And Jehoiada made a coue-
nant betweene the LORD and the
king, and the people, that they should
be the LORDS people; betweene the
king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went
into the house of Baal, and brake it
down, his altars, and his images brake
they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Wat-
tan the priest of Baal before the altars:
and the Priest appointed † officers ouer
the house of the LORD.

† Heb. officers

19 And hee tooke the rulers ouer
hundreds, and the captaines, and the
guard, and all the people of the land,
and

and they brought downe the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard, to the kings house, and he sate on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was in quiet, and they slew Athaliah with the sword, beside the kings house.

21 Seven yeeres old was Jehoash when he began to reigne.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jehoash reigneth well all the dayes of Jeho-iada. 4 Hee giueth order for the repaire of the Temple. 17 Hazael is diuerted from Ieru-salem by a present of the halowed treasures. 19 Jehoash being slaine by his seruants, A-maziah succeedeth him.

In the seventh yeere of Jehu, Jehoash began to reigne, and fourtie yeeres reigned he in Ierusalem, and his mothers name was Zibiah of Beerseba.

2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his dayes, wherein Jehoia-da the Priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed, and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, euen the money of euery one that passeth the account, the money that euery man is set at, and all the money that commeth into any mans heart, to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take it to them, euery man of his acquaintance, and let them repaire the breaches of the house, wheresoeuer any breach shalbe found.

6 But it was so that in the three and twentieth yeere of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoia-da the priest, and the other priests, and saide vnto them, Why repaire ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receiue no more money of your acquaintance, but deliuer it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receiue no more money of the people, neither to repaire the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoia-da the priest tooke a chest, and boored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the Altar, on the right side, as one commeth into the house of the LORD, and the priests that kept the doore, put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the kings scribe, and the high priest came by, and they put by in bags and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gaue the money, being told, into the handes of them that did the worke, that had the ouersight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought vpon the house of the LORD,

12 And to Masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber, and hewed stone to repaire the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repaire it.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the house of the LORD, bowles of siluer, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of siluer, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gaue that to the workemen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, they reckned not with the men, into whose hand they deliuered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The trespasses money, and sinne-money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the Priests.

17 Then Hazael king of Syria went by, and fought against Gath, and tooke it: and Hazael set his face to goe by to Ierusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Iudah tooke all the hallowed things that Jeho-shaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah his fathers, kings of Iudah had dedicate, and his owne hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the kings house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria, and hee went away from Ierusalem.

19 And the rest of the actes of Jehoash, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

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20 And

† Heb. three-fold.

|| Or, secre-tarie.
† Heb. bound up.

† Heb. brought it forth.

† Heb. went forth.

† Heb. went up.

* 2. Chron. 24.1.

|| Or, holy things. Heb. holinesses.

† Heb. the money of the soules of his estimation.

† Heb. ascended upon the heart of a man.

† Heb. in the twentieth yeere, and third yeere.

|| Or, Beth-
Millo.

20 And his seruants arose, and made a conspiracie, and slew Iehoash in the house of Millo, which goeth downe to Silla.

21 For Jozachar the sonne of Shi-meath, and Jehozabad the sonne of Shomer, his seruants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of David, and Amaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Iehoahaz his wicked reigne. 3 Iehoahaz oppressed by Hazael, is relieued by prayer. 8 Joash succeedeth him. 10 His wicked reigne. 12 Ieroboam succeedeth him. 14 Elisha dying prophecieth to Joash three victories ouer the Syrians. 20 The Moabites inuading the land, Elishas bones raise vp a dead man. 22 Hazael dying, Joash getteth three victories ouer Benhadad.

† Heb. in the
twentieth
yeere and
third yeere.

In the three and twentieth yeere of Joash the sonne of Ahaziah king of Iudah, Iehoahaz the sonne of Jehu beganne to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned seuentene yeeres.

† Heb. wal-
ked after.

2 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, and followed the finnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne, he departed not therefrom.

3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and hee deliuered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the sonne of Hazael, all their dayes.

4 And Iehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened vnto him: for hee saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 (And the LORD gaue Israel a sauiour, so that they went out from vnder the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before-time.

† Heb. as
yesterday,
and third
day.

6 Neuerthelesse, they departed not from the finnes of the house of Ieroboam, who made Israel sinne, but walked therein: and there remained the groue also in Samaria.)

† Heb. hee
walked.
† Heb. stood.

7 Neither did he leaue of the people to Iehoahaz, but fiftie horsemen, and tenne charrets, and tenne thousand footmen: for the king of Syria had destroy-

ed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 Nowe the rest of the actes of Iehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Iehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Joash his sonne reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seuenth yeere of Joash king of Iudah, beganne Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteene yeeres.

11 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD; hee departed not from all the finnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel sinne: but hee walked therein.

12 And the rest of the actes of Joash, and all that hee did, and his might, wherewith hee fought against Amaziah king of Iudah, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Joash slept with his fathers, and Ieroboam sat vpon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Nowe Elisha was fallen sicke, of his sicknesse whereof he died, and Joash the king of Israel came downe vnto him, and wept ouer his face, and said, O my father, my father, the charret of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said vnto him, Take bowe and arrowes. And he tooke vnto him bowe and arrowes.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand vpon the bowe. And he put his hand vpon it: and Elisha put his hands vpon the kings hands.

† Heb. make
thine hand
toride.

17 And he sayd, Open the window Eastward. And hee opened it. Then Elisha sayd, Shoothe. And he shot. And he said, The arrowe of the LORDS deliuerance, and the arrowe of deliuerance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Apher, till thou haue consumed them.

18 And he sayd, Take the arrowes. And he tooke them. And hee said vnto the king of Israel, Smite vpon the ground. And he smote thrise, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and saide, Thou shouldest haue

† Heb.
Ieroboam
† Eccl.
48.14

† Heb.

† Heb.
turned
backe.

† Heb.
25.1.

haue smitten five or six times, then haddest thou smitten Syria till thou haddest consumed it: Whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him: And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the yeere.

21 And it came to passe as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band of men, and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let downe, and touched the bones of Elisha, * he reuiued, and stood vp on his feete.

22 But Hazael king of Syria, oppressed Israel all the dayes of Jehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious vnto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect vnto them, because of his couenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast hee them from his presence as yet.

24 So Hazael the king of Syria dyed, and Benhadad his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the sonne of Jehoahaz † tooke againe out of the hand of Benhadad the sonne of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father, by warre: three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Amaziah his good reigne. 5 His iustice on the murderers of his father. 7 His victory ouer Edom. 8 Amaziah prouoking Jehoash, is ouercome and spoiled. 15 Ieroboam succeedeth Jehoash. 17 Amaziah slaine by a conspiracie. 21 Azariah succeedeth him. 23 Ieroboams wicked reigne. 28 Zachariah succeedeth him.

In the second yeere of Joash sonne of Jehoahaz king of Israel, reigned * Amaziah the sonne of Joash king of Judah.

2 Hee was twentie and five yeeres olde when he began to reigne, and reigned twentie and nine yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like Dauid his father: hee did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice, and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And it came to passe as soone as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his seruants * which had slaine the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not, according vnto that which is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, * The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers: but euery man shall be put to death for his owne sinne.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt, ten thousand, and tooke || Selah by warre, and called the name of it, Joktheel, vnto this day.

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the sonne of Jehoahaz sonne of Jehu king of Israel, saying, Come, let vs looke one another in the face.

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon, sent to the Cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Giue thy daughter to my sonne to wife. And there passed by a wilde beast that was in Lebanon, and trode downe the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee vp: glory of this, and tary † at home: for why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall, euen thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not heare: therefore Jehoash king of Israel went vp, and hee, and Amaziah king of Judah, looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah.

12 And Judah † was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled euery man to their tents.

13 And Jehoash king of Israel tooke Amaziah king of Judah, the sonne of Jehoash the sonne of Ahaziah at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake downe the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim, vnto the corner gate, foure hundred cubites.

14 And he tooke all the golde and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the

Am 3

trea-

† Heb. went downe.

* Ecclus.

48.14.

† Heb. face.

† Heb. returned and tooke.

* Chap. 12. 20.

* Deut. 24. 16. Ezek. 18.20.

|| Or, the rocks.

† Heb. at thy house.

† Heb. was smitten.

* 2. Chron. 25.1.

treasures of the kings house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, with the kings of Israel, and Ieroboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the sonne of Joash king of Judah, liued after the death of Jehoash sonne of Jehoahaz king of Israel, fiftene yeeres.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

* 2. Chron.
25. 27.

19 ¶ Now * they made a conspiracie against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers, in the city of David.

* 2. Chron.
26. 1. He is
called Vza-
ziah.

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah tooke * Azariah (which was fiftene yeeres old) and made him king in stead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fiftenth yeere of Amaziah the sonne of Joash king of Judah, Ieroboam the sonne of Joash king of Israel began to raigne in Samaria, and raigned forty and one yeeres:

24 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD: hee departed not from all the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

* Matth. 12.
29, 40. cal-
led Ionas.

25 Hee restored the coast of Israel, from the entring of Hamath, vnto the sea of the plaine, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his seruant * Jonah, the sonne of Amittai the Prophet, which was of Gath Hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut vp, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not, that hee would blot out the name of Israel from vnder heaven: but he saued them by the hand of Ieroboam the sonne of Joash.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Ieroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Ieroboam slept with his fathers, euen with the kings of Israel, and Zachariah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

i Azariah his good reigne. 5 He dying a Leper, Iotham succeedeth. 8 Zachariah, the last of Iehu his generation, reigning ill, is slaine by Shallum. 13 Shallum reigning a moneth, is slaine by Menahem. 16 Menahem strengtheneth himselfe by Pul. 21 Pekahiah succeedeth him. 23 Pekahiah is slaine by Pekah. 27 Pekah is oppressed by Tiglath Pileser, and slaine by Hoshea. 32 Iothams good reigne. 36 Ahaz succeedeth him.

In the twenty and seventh yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, began Azariah sonne of Amaziah king of Judah to reigne.

2 Sixteene yeeres old was he when he began to reigne, and he reigned two and fifty yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done:

4 Saue that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed, and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD smote the king, so that hee was a Leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt in a seuerall house, and Iotham the kings sonne was ouer the house, iudging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the actes of Azariah, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Iotham his sonne reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eight yeere of Azariah king of Judah, did Zachariah the sonne of Ieroboam reigne ouer Israel in Samaria sixe moneths.

9 And hee did that which was euill in the

* Chap. 15.

* Matth. 9. called
Zias.
† Heb. a
moneth of
dayes.

* 1. Chro.
15. 26.

† Heb. a
seduo com
forso.

the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

10 And Shallum the sonne of Jabesh, conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slewe him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the actes of Zachariah, beholde, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was ^{*}the word of the LORD which he spake vnto Jehu, saying, Thy sonnes shall sit on the throne of Israel, vnto the fourth generation. And so it came to passe.

13 Shallum the sonne of Jabesh began to reigne in the nine and thirtieth yeere of ^{*}Uzziah king of Iudah, and he reigned [†]a full moneth in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the sonne of Gadi, went vp from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the sonne of Jabesh, in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the actes of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem smote Tiph-sah, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therfore he smote it, and all the women therein that were with child, he ript vp.

17 In the nine and thirtieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, began Menahem the sonne of Gadi to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned tenne yerres in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD: hee departed not all his dayes from the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

19 ^{*}And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gaue Pul a thousand talents of siluer, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdome in his hand.

20 And Menahem [†]exacted the mony of Israel, euen of all the mightie men of wealth, of each man fiftie shekels of siluer, to giue to the king of Assyria: so the king of Assyria turned backe, and stayed not there in the land.

21 And the rest of the acts of Me-

nahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth yere of Azariah king of Iudah, Pekahiah the sonne of Menahem began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned two yeeres.

24 And he did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, hee departed not from the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

25 But Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, a captaine of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the kings house, with Argob, and Arie, and with him fiftie men of the Gileadites: and hee killed him, and reigned in his rounie.

26 And the rest of the actes of Pekahiah, and all that he did, beholde, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the two and fiftieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, Pekah the sonne of Remaliah began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned twentie yeeres.

28 And he did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, hee departed not from the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

29 In the dayes of Pekah king of Israel, came Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and tooke Iion, and Abel-Beth-maachah, and Ianoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and caried them captiue to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the sonne of Elah, made a conspiracie against Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth yeere of Jotham the sonne of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the actes of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ^{*}In the second yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah king of Israel, began Jotham the sonne of Uzziah king of Iudah to reigne.

33 Five and twentie yeeres olde was he when he began to reigne, and hee reigned

^{*} Chap. 10. 30.

^{*} Matth. 1. 9. called Ozias.

[†] Hebr. a moneth of dayes.

^{*} 1. Chron. 5. 26.

[†] Heb. caused to come forth.

^{*} 2. Chron. 27. 1.

reigned fixeene yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: hee did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 Howbeit, the high places were not remoued: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places: hee built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the actes of Iotham, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah:

37 (In those dayes the LORD began to send against Iudah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the sonne of Remaliah)

38 And Iotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father, and Ahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ahaz his wicked reigne. 5 Ahaz assailed by Rezin and Pekah, hireth Tiglath Pileser against them. 10 Ahaz sending a paterne of an Altar from Damascus to Vrijah, diuerteth the brasen Altar to his owne deuotion. 17 Hee spoileth the Temple. 19 Hezekiah succeedeth him.

* 2. Chron. 28. 1.

In the seuenteenth yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, Ahaz the sonne of Iotham King of Iudah began to reigne.

2 Twentie yeeres olde was Ahaz when hee began to reigne, and reigned fixeene yeeres in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like Dauid his father:

3 But hee walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea & made his sonne to passe through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And hee sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hils, and vnder euery greene tree.

* Isa 7. 1.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah sonne of Remaliah king of Israel, came by to Jerusalem to warre: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria, recovered Elath to Syria, & drave the Iewes from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there vnto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy seruant, and thy sonne: come by, and saue me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise by against me.

8 And Ahaz tooke the siluer and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened vnto him: for the king of Assyria went by against Damascus, and tooke it, and caried the people of it captiue to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 And King Ahaz went to Damascus, to meete Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Uriah the Priest the fashion of the altar, and the paterne of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

† Heb. Dam melek.

11 And Uriah the Priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Uriah the Priest made it, against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the King saw the altar: and the King approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And hee burnt his burnt offering, and his meate offering, and powdered his drinke offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings vpon the altar.

† Heb. which were his.

14 And hee brought also the brasen altar which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from betweene the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the North side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Uriah the Priest, saying, Upon the great altar, burne the morning burnt offering, and the euening meate offering, and the Kings burnt sacrifice, and his meate offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meate offering, and their drinke offerings, and sprinkle vpon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire by.

16 Thus

† Heb. r. d. Or, tribu

* Chap. 10.

16 Thus did Uriah the Priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bales, and remooued the laver from off them, and tooke downe the sea from off the brasen oren that were vnder it, and put it vpon a pavement of stones:

18 And the couert for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the kings entry without, turned hee from the house of the LORD, for the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the actes of Ahaz, which he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Hoshea his wicked reigne. 3 Being subdued by Shalmaneser, hee conspireth against him with So King of Egypt. 5 Samaria for their sinnes, is captiuated. 24 The strange nations, which were transplanted in Samaria, beeing plagued with Lions, make a mixture of Religions.

In the twelfth yeere of Ahaz, king of Judah, began Hoshea the sonne of Elah to reigne in Samaria, ouer Israel nine yeeres.

2 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 Against him came by Shalmaneser king of Assyria, and Hoshea became his seruant, and gaue him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracie in Hoshea: for hee had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done yeere by yeere: therefore the king of Assyria shut him vp, and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria came by thoroughout all the land, and went by to Samaria, and besieged it three yeres.

6 In the ninth yeere of Hoshea, the king of Assyria tooke Samaria, and caried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them by out of the land of Egypt, from vnder the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, (whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel) and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the LORD their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen, to the fenced city.

10 And they set them by images, and groues in euery high hill, and vnder euery greene tree.

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD caried away before them, and wrought wicked things to prouoke the LORD to anger.

12 For they serued idoles, whereof the LORD had said vnto them, * See shall not doe this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the Prophets, and by all the Seers, saying, * Turne ye from your euill wayes, and keepe my commandements, and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my seruants the Prophets.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not heare, but hardened their neckes, like to the necke of their fathers, that did not beleue in the LORD their God.

15 And they reiected his Statutes, and his Couenant that hee made with their fathers, and his Testimonies which he testified against them, and they followed vanitie, and became vaine, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not doe like them.

16 And they left all the Commandements of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, euen two calves, and made a groue, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen, and serued Baal.

17 And they caused their sonnes and their daughters to passe through the fire,

† Heb. statues.

* Deut. 4. 19.

† Heb. by the hand of all.

* Jerem. 18. 11. and 25. 5. & 35. 15.

† Hebr. rendered.
|| Or, tribute.

* Chap. 18. 10.

* Exod. 32. 8. 1. king. 12. 28.

fire, and vlsed diuination, and inchantments, and sold themselues to doe euill in the sight of the LORD, to prouoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD Was very angry with Israel, and remoued them out of his sight, there Was none left, but the tribe of Iudah onely.

19 Also Judah kept not the Com-
mandements of the LORD their God,
but Walked in the Statutes of Israel
which they made.

20 And the LORD reiected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and deliuered them into the hand of spoilers, vntill he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he rent Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat king, and Jeroboam draue Israel from following the LORD, and made them sinne a great sinne.

22 For the children of Israel walked in al the sinnes of Jeroboam which he did, they departed not from them:

23 Untill the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as hee had said by all his seruants the Prophets: so was Israel caried away out of their owne land to Assyria, vnto this day.

24 **C** And the King of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria, in stead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of
their dwelling there, that they feared
not the LORD; therefore the LORD
sent Lions among them, which slew
some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the maner of the God of the land : therefore he hath sent Lions among them, and beholde, they slay them, because they know not the maner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carie thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them goe and dwell there, and let him teach them the maner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom

they had caried away from Samaria,
came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught
them howe they should feare the
LORD.

29 Howbeit, every nation made gods of their owne, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt:

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima:

31 And the Hittites made Ribhaz
and Tartak; and the Sepharuites
burnt their children in fire to Adram-
melech, and Anammelech, the gods of
Sepharuaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made vnto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 * They feared the LORD, and
serued their owne gods, after the ma-
ner of the nations || Whom they caried
away from thence.

34 Unto this day they doe after the former maners : they feare not the LORD, neither doe they after their Statutes, or after their Ordinances, or after the Law and Commaundement which the LORD commaunded the children of Jacob, * Whom hee named Israel,

35 with whom the LORD had made a Couenant, and charged them, saying, * Bee shall not feare other gods, noꝛ bow your selues to them, noꝛ serue them, noꝛ sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you vp out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and a stretched out arme, him shall ye feare, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye doe sacrifice.

37 And the Statutes, and the Ordinances, and the Law, and the Commandement Which he wrote for you, ye shall obserue to doe for euermore, and ye shall not feare other gods:

38 And the Couenant that I haue
made With you, ye shall not forget, nei-
ther shall ye feare other gods.

39 But the LORD your God yee shall feare, and he shall deliuer you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they did not hearken,
but they did after their former maner.

41 So these nations feared the
LORD,

*Sophan, i.
5.

|| Or, who
caried them
away from
thence.

* Gen. 32.
28. 1. king.
18. 31.

* Iudg. 6.
10.

* 2. Chro
: 8. 27. 2
: 9. 1. hec
is called
zekias, M
I. 9.

† Heb. *st*
Numb.
21.8.

Heb. from
after him.

Heb. Az-
ah,

Cha. 17.

Ch. 17.

LORD, and serued their grauen images, both their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, so doe they vnto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Hezekiah his good reigne. 4 He destroyeth idolatrie, and prospereth. 9 Samaria is caried captiue for their sins. 13 Sennacherib inuading Iudah, is pacified by a tribute. 17 Rabshakeh sent by Sennacherib againe, reuileth Hezekiah, and by blasphemous perswasions, solliciteth the people to reuolt.

NOW it came to passe in the third yere of Hoshea sonne of Elah king of Israel, that * Hezekiah the sonne of Ahaz king of Iudah, began to reigne.

2 Twentie and fve yeeres old was he when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned twentie and nine yeeres in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 He remooued the high places, and brake the [†]images, and cut downe the groues, and brake in pieces the * brassen serpent that Moses had made: for vnto those dayes the children of Israel did burne incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Iudah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he claue to the LORD, and departed not [†]from following him, but kept his commandements, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him, and hee prospered whithersoever hee went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and serued him not.

8 He smote the Philistines euen vnto [†]Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the towre of the watchmen to the fenced cities.

9 And * it came to passe in the fourth yeere of king Hezekiah, (which was the seuenth yeere of Hoshea, sonne of Elah king of Israel) that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came bp against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three yeeres they tooke it: euen in the sixt yeere of Hezekiah (that is * the ninth yeere of Hoshea

king of Israel) Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carie away Israel vnto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the riuier of Gozan, & in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his Couenant, and all that Moses the seruant of the LORD commanded, and would not heare them, nor doe them.

13 Now * in the fourteenth yeere of king Hezekiah, did [†]Sennacherib king of Assyria come bp against all the fenced cities of Iudah, and tooke them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Iudah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I haue offended, returne from me: that which thou puttest on me, wil I beare. And the king of Assyria appointed vnto Hezekiah king of Iudah, three hundred talents of siluer, and thirtie talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gaue him all the siluer that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doores of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Iudah had ouerlaid, and gaue [†]it to the king of Assyria.

17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rablaris, and Rabshakeh, from Lachish to king Hezekiah, with a [†]great hoste against Jerusalem: and they went bp, and came to Jerusalem: and when they were come bp, they came and stood by the conduit of the vpper poole, which is in the high way of the fullers field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the sonne of Helkiah, which was ouer the household, and Shebna the ^{||}Scribe, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder.

19 And Rabshakeh said vnto them, Speake yee now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, what confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou ^{||}sayest, (but they are but [†]vaine words) ^{||}I haue counsell and strength for the warre: now on whom doest thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now behold, thou [†]trustest vpon the staffe of this bruised reed, euen vpon Egypt,

* 2. Chron. 32. 1. cfa. 36. 1. ecclu. 48. 18. [†] Heb. Sannacherib.

* 2. Chron. 28. 27. and 29. 1. hee is called Ezeckias, Mat. 1. 9.

[†] Heb. statues. * Numb. 21. 8.

[†] Heb. from after him.

[†] Heb. Az-zah.

* Cha. 17. 3

* Cha. 17. 6

[†] Heb. them.

[†] Heb. heavy

^{||} Or, Secretary.

^{||} Or, talkest. [†] Heb. word of the lips. ^{||} Or, but counsell and strength are for the war. [†] Heb. trustest thee.

Egypt, on which if a man leane, it will goe into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt vnto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say vnto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that hee whose high places, and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Iudah and Jerusalem, Be shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, giue || Or, hostages. || pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliuer thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders vpon them.

24 How then wilt thou turne away the face of one captaine of the least of my masters seruants, and put thy trust on Egypt for charets and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come vp without the LORD against this place, to destroy it? The LORD sayd to me, Goe vp against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, vnto Rabshakeh, Speake, I pray thee, to thy seruants in the Syrian language, (for wee vnderstand it) and talke not with vs in the Iewes language, in the eares of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rabshakeh sayd vnto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speake these wordes: hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eate their owne doung, and drinke their owne pisse with you?

† Heb. the water of their feet?

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loude voice in the Iewes language, and spake, saying, Heare the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 Thus sayth the king, Let not Hezekiah deceiue you, for he shall not be able to deliuer you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliuer vs, and this city shall not bee deliuered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

|| Or, seeke my favour. Heb. make with me a blessing.

31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus sayth the king of Assyria, || Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eate yee euery man of his owne vine, and euery one of his figge tree, and drinke yee euery one the waters of his cisterne:

|| Or, pit.

32 Untill I come and take you a-

way to a land like your owne land, a land of corne and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olle Olive, and of homie, that yee may liue, and not die: and hearken not vnto Hezekiah, when hee || Or, deceiveth. || persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliuer vs.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations deliuered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad: Where are the gods of Sepharuaim, Hena, and Iuah: haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countreys, that haue deliuered their countrey out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliuer Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people helde their peace, and answered him not a word: for the kings commaundement was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, which was ouer the household, and Shebna the Scribe, and Joah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and tolde him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Hezekiah mourning, sendeth to Esay to pray for them. 6 Esay comforteth them. 8 Sennacherib going to encounter Tirhakah, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah his prayer. 20 Esay his prophetic of the pride and destruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 35 An Angel slayeth the Assyrians. 36 Sennacherib is slaine at Nineueh by his owne sonnes.

AND *it came to passe when King Hezekiah heard it, that hee rent his clothes, and covered himselfe with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

* Esai. 37.1.

2 And hee sent Eliakim, which was ouer the household, and Shebna the Scribe, and the Elders of the Priests, covered with sackcloth, to Esai the Prophet the sonne of Amoz.

3 And they sayd vnto him, Thus sayth Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and || Or, pronunciation. || blasphemie: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It

The prayer of Chap.xix. Hezekiah is heard.

4 It may be, the LORD thy God will heare all the words of Rabshakeh whome the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproch the living God, and will reprove the wordes which the LORD thy God hath heard: Wherefore lift vp thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And *Isaiah said vnto them, Thus shal ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the wordes which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria haue blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast vpon him, and he shall heare a rumour, and shall returne to his owne land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his owne land.

8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for hee had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, hee is come out to fight against thee: hee sent messengers againe vnto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speake to Hezekiah king of Iudah, saying, Let not thy God in whome thou trustest, deceiue thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be deliuered into the hande of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria haue done to all lands, by destroying them vtterly: and shalt thou be deliuered?

12 Haue the gods of the nations deliuered them which my fathers haue destroyed: As Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelassar:

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the citie of Sepharuaim, of Hena, and Iuah:

14 And Hezekiah receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went vp into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the Cherubims, thou art the God, euen thou alone, of all the kingdomes of the earth,

thou hast made heauen and earth.

16 LORD, bow downe thine eare, and heare: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and heare the words of Sennacherib which hath sent him to reproch the living God.

17 Of a trueth, LORD, the kings of Assyria haue destroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And haue cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of mens hands, wood and stone: therefore they haue destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, saue thou vs out of his hand, that all the kingdomes of the earth may know, that thou art the LORD God, euen thou onely.

20 Then Isaiah the sonne of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to mee against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I haue heard.

21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him, The Virgin, the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorne, the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whome hast thou reproched and blasphemed: and against whome hast thou exalted thy voyce, and lift vp thine eyes on high: euen against the holy One of Israel.

23 By thy messengers thou hast reproched the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my charrets, I am come vp to the height of the mountaines, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut downe the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice firre trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the Forrest of his Carmel.

24 I haue digged & drunke strange waters, and with the sole of my fecte haue I dried vp all the riuers of besieged places.

25 Hast thou not heard long agoe, how I haue done it, and of ancient times that I haue formed it: now haue I brought it to passe, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced citie into ruinous heapes.

26 Therefore their Inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded, they were as the grasse of the field, and as the greene herbe.

† Heb. found

* Luke 3.4. called E-saia.

† Heb. giuen

† Heb. by the hand of.

† Heb. the talnesse, &c.

|| Or, the forest and his fruitful field

|| Or, fenced

|| Or, hast thou not heard how I haue made it long agoe, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laide waste, and fenced citie to be ruinous heapes? † Heb. short of hand.

herbe, as the grasse on the house tops, and as corne blasted before it be growen vp.

|| Or, sitting.

27 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy comming in, and thy rage against me.

28 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult is come vp into mine eares, therefore I will put my hooke in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turne thee backe by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this shalbe a signe vnto thee, Bee shall eat this yeere such things as grow of themselves, and in the second yeere that which springeth of the same, and in the third yeere sowe ye and reape, and plant Vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

† Hebr. the escaping of the house of Iudah that remaineth.

30 And † the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudah, shall yet againe take root downward, and beare fruit vpward.

† Hebr. the escaping.

31 For out of Ierusalem shall goe forth a remnant, and † they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeale of the LORD of hostes shall doe this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, he shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a banke against it:

33 By the way that hee came, by the same shall he returne, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this citie, to saue it, for mine owne sake, and for my seruant Dauids sake.

* Isa. 37. 36. rob. 1. 21. ecclus. 48. 24. 1. macc. 7. 41. 2. macca. 8. 19.

35 And * it came to passe that night, that the Angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the campe of the Assyrians, an hundred foure score and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineueh.

37 And it came to passe as hee was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adramelech, and Sharezer his sonnes, smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia, and Esarhaddon his sonne reigned in his stead.

† Hebr. A-rarat.

CHAP. XX.

1 Hezekiah hauing receiued a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthned. 8 The

Sunne goeth tenne degrees backward, for a signe of that promise. 12 Berodach Baladan sending to visite Hezekiah, because of the wonder, hath notice of his treasures. 14 Isaiah vnderstanding thereof, foretelleth the Babylonian captiuitie. 20 Manasseh succeedeth Hezekiah.

In those dayes * was Hezekiah sicke vnto death: and the Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amos came to him, and saide vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not liue.

* 2. Chron. 32. 24. isa. 38. 1.

† Hebr. gine charge concerning thine house.

2 Then hee turned his face to the wall, and prayed vnto the LORD, saying;

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I haue walked before thee in trueth, and with a perfect heart, and haue done that which is good in thy sight: and Hezekiah wept † sore.

4 And it came to passe afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying;

† Hebr. with a great weeping. || Or, city.

5 Turne againe, and tell Hezekiah the captaine of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy prayer, I haue seene thy teares: behold, I will heale thee, on the third day thou shalt goe vp vnto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will adde vnto thy dayes fifteene yeeres, and I will deliuer thee, and this city, out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this citie for mine owne sake, and for my seruant Dauids sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lumpe of figs. And they tooke and layd it on the boile, and he recovered.

8 And Hezekiah said vnto Isaiah, What shall bee the signe that the LORD will heale me, and that I shall goe vp into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This signe shalt thou haue of the LORD, that the LORD will doe the thing that hee hath spoken: shall the shadow goe forward ten degrees, or * goe backe tenne degrees?

* Ecclus. 48. 24. isa. 38. 8.

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to goe downe tenne degrees: nay, but let the shadow returne backward tenne degrees.

11 And

11 And Iſaiah the Prophet cryed vnto the LORD, and he brought the shadow tenne degrees backward, by which it had gone downe in the diall of Ahaz.

† Heb. degrees.

* Iſai. 39. 1.

12 ¶ At that time Berodach-Baladan the sonne of Baladan King of Babylon, sent letters and a present vnto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had bene sicke.

¶ Or, spicery.

¶ Or, iewels.
Heb. vessels.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened vnto them, and shewed them the house of his || precious things, the silver, and the golde, and the spices, and the precious oyntment, and all the house of his || armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 ¶ Then came Iſaiah the Prophet vnto King Hezekiah, and sayde vnto him, what sayd these men: and from whence came they vnto thee: And Hezekiah sayde, They are come from a farre countrey, euen from Babylon.

15 And he said, what haue they seene in thine house: And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house haue they seene: there is nothing among my treasures, that I haue not shewed them.

16 And Iſaiah said vnto Hezekiah, heare the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the dayes come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers haue layde vp in store vnto this day, * shall be caried vnto Babylon: nothing shall be left, sayth the LORD.

* Chap. 24.
13. & 25. 13
iere. 27. 19.

18 And of thy sonnes that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away, and they shall bee Eunuches in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah vnto Iſaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, || Is it not good, if peace and trueth be in my dayes?

¶ Or, shall there not be peace and trueth? &c.

20 ¶ And the rest of the actes of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how hee made a poole and a conduit, & brought water into the city, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah:

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Manasseh his reigne. 3 His great idolatrie. 10 His wickednesse caueth prophecies against Iudah. 17 Amon succeedeth him. 19 Amons wicked reigne. 23 Hee being slaine by his seruants, and those murderers slaine by the people, Iosiah is made King.

MANASSEH * was twelue yeres olde when hee beganne to reigne, and reigned fiftie and fve yeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Hephzibah.

* 2. Chron. 33. 1.

2 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built vp againe the high places, * which Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and hee reared vp altars for Baal, and made a groue, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen, and serued them.

* Cha. 18. 4.

4 And * he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD sayd, * In Ierusalem will I put my Name.

* Iere. 32. 34.

* 2. Sam. 7. 13.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heauen, in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his sonne passe thorow the fire, and obserued times, and vſed enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits, and wizards: he wrought much wickednesse in the sight of the LORD, to prouoke him to anger.

7 And he set a grauen image of the groue that he had made, in the house, of which the LORD said to Dauid, and to Solomon his sonne, * In this house and in Ierusalem, which I haue chosen out of all tribes of Israel, wil I put my Name for euer:

* 1. King. 8. 29. and 9. 3. chap. 23. 27.

8 Neither will I make the feete of Israel mooue any more out of the land, which I gaue their fathers: onely if they will obserue to doe according to all that I haue commanded them, and according to all the Law, that my seruant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to doe more euill then did the nations, whome the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his seruants the Prophets, saying,

* Ierc. 15.4

11 * Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly aboue all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sinne with his idoles:

* 1 Sam. 3. 11.

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such euill vpon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his eares shall tingle.

† Heb. he wipeth and turneth it vpon the face thereof.

13 And I will stretch ouer Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, † wiping it and turning it vpside downe.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliuer them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a pray and a spoile to all their enemies,

15 Because they haue done that which was euill in my sight, and haue prouoked me to anger since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even vnto this day.

† Heb. from mouth to mouth.

16 Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem † from one end to another, beside his sinne wherewith he made Judah to sinne, in doing that which was euill in the sight of the LORD.

* 2. Chron. 33.20.

17 Now the rest of the actes of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sinne that he sinned, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah:

18 And * Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his owne house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his sonne reigned in his stead.

19 Amon was twentie and two yeeres old when he began to reigne, and he reigned two yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Heshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the wayes that his father walked in, and serued the idoles that his father serued, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsooke the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 And the seruants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his owne house.

24 And the people of the land slew al them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his sonne king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon, which he did, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Judah:

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre, in the garden of Uzza, and * Josiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

* Mat. 1.10. called Iosias.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Josiah his good reigne. 3 He taketh care for the repaire of the Temple. 8 Hilkiah hauing found a booke of the Lawe, Josiah sendeth to Huldah to enquire of the Lord. 15 Huldah prophesieth destruction of Jerusalem, but respite thereof in Iosiahs time.

Iosiah * was eight yeeres old when hee beganne to reigne, and hee reigned thirtie and one yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

* 2. Chron. 34.1.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the wayes of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand, or to the left.

3 And it came to passe in the eighteenth yeere of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliah, the sonne of Meshullam the scribe to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Goe vp to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may summe the siluer which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the † doore haue gathered of the people.

† Heb. shere bold.

5 And let them deliuer it into the hand of the doers of the worke, that haue the ouersight of the house of the LORD: and let them giue it to the doers of the worke, which is in the house of the LORD, to repaire the breaches of the house,

6 Vnto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewen stone, to repaire the house.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them, of the money that was deliuered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 And

8 And Hilkiah the high Priest said vnto Shaphan the Scribe, I haue found the booke of the Law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gaue the booke to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the Scribe came to the king, and brought the king word againe, and said, Thy seruants haue gathered the money that was found in the house, and haue deliuered it into the hand of them that doe the worke, that haue the ouersight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the Scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the Priest hath deliuered mee a booke: and Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to passe when the king had heard the words of the booke of the Law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the Priest, and Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and Achbor the sonne of Michaiah, and Shaphan the Scribe, and Asahiah a seruant of the Kings, saying,

13 Goe yee, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the wordes of this booke that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against vs, because our fathers haue not hearkened vnto the wordes of this booke, to doe according vnto all that which is written concerning vs.

14 So Hilkiah the Priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went vnto Hulda the Prophetesse, the wife of Shallum the sonne of Tikvah, the sonne of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe: now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the colledge: And they communed with her.

15 And she said vnto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me;

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring euill vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants thereof, euen all the words of the booke which the king of Judah hath read.

17 Because they haue forsaken me, and haue burnt incense vnto other gods, that they might prouoke mee to anger with all the workes of their handes: therefore my wrath shall bee kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah which

sent you to enquire of the LORD, Thus shall yee say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, as touching the wordes which thou hast heard:

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thy selfe before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy cloathes, and wept before me; I also haue heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee vnto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy graue in peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the euil which I will bring vpon this place. And they brought the king word againe.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Iosiah causeth the booke to bee read in a solemne assembly. 3 He reneweth the Couenant of the LORD. 4 He destroyeth idolatry. 15 He burnt dead mens bones vpon the altar of Bethel, as was foreprophefied. 21 He kept a most solemne Pasleouer. 24 He put away witches, and all abomination. 26 Gods finall wrath against Iudah. 29 Iosiah prouoking Pharaoh Nechoh, is slaine at Megiddo. 31 Jehoahaz succeeding him, is imprisoned by Pharaoh Nechoh, who made Ioiakim king. 36 Ioiakim his wicked reigne.

And the king sent, and they gathered vnto him all the Elders of Judah, and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went vp into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the Priestes, and the Prophets, and all the people both small and great: and he read in their eares all the wordes of the booke of the Couenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 And the King stood by a pillar, and made a Couenant before the LORD, to walke after the LORD, and to keepe his Commandements, and his Testimonies, & his Statutes, with all their heart, and all their soule, to performe the words of this Couenant, that were written in this booke: and all the people stood to the Couenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the

* 2. Chron. 34. 30.

† Hebr. from small euen vnto great.

† Hebr. mel- sed.

† Hebr. garments. || Or, in the second part.

the high Priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the doore to bring forth out of the Temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the groue, and for all the hoste of heauen: and he burnt them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and caried the ashes of them vnto Bethel.

† Heb. caused to cease.
† Heb. Chemarim.

5 And hee † put downe the † idolatrous priests whome the kings of Iudah had ordeined to burne incense in the high places, in the cities of Iudah and in the places round about Jerusalem: them also that burnt incense vnto Baal, to the Sunne, and to the Moone, and to the † Planets, and to all the hoste of heauen.

|| Or, twelve signes or constellations.
* Cha. 21. 7

6 And he brought out the * groue from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, vnto the brooke Kidron, and burnt it at the brooke Kidron, and stampt it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof vpon the graues of the children of the people.

7 And he brake downe the houses of the Sodomites that were by the house of the LORD, where the women woue † hangings for the groue.

† Heb. houses

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Iudah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beerseba, and brake downe the hie places of the gates that were in the entring in of the gate of Joshua the gouernour of the citie, which were on a mans left hand at the gate of the citie.

9 Neuerthelesse, the priests of the high places came not by to the Altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eate of the vnleauened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his sonne or his daughter to passe through the fire to Molech.

11 And he tooke away the horses that the kings of Iudah had given to the Sunne, at the entring in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathannelech the † chamberlaine, which was in the suburbs, and burnt the charrets of the Sunne with fire,

|| Or, Eunuch, or Officer.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the vpper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Iudah had made, and the altars which * Manasseh had

* Cha. 21. 5

made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat downe, and † brake them downe from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brooke Kidron.

|| Or, ran from thence.

13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the † mount of corruption, which * Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milchom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

|| That is, the mount of Olivet.
* 1. King. 11. 7.

14 And he brake in pieces the † images, and cut downe the groues, and filled their places with the bones of men.

† Heb. statues.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne, had made, both that altar, and the high place he brake downe, and burnt the high place, and stampt it small to powder, and burnt the groue.

16 And as Josiah turned himselfe, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, & tooke the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt them vpon the altar, and polluted it, according to the * word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

* 1. King. 13. 2.

17 Then hee said, what title is that that I see: and the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Iudah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel.

18 And he said, Let him alone: let no man moue his bones: so they let his bones † alone, with the bones of the Prophet that came out of Samaria.

† Heb. to escape.

19 And all the houses also of the hie places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to prouoke the LORD to anger, Josiah tooke away, and did to them according to all the actes that hee had done in Bethel.

20 And he † slew all the priests of the high places that were there, vpon the altars, and burnt mens bones vpon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

|| Or sacrificed.

21 And the King commanded all the people saying, * Keepe the Passouer vnto the LORD your God, * as it is written in this booke of the Covenant.

* 2. Chron. 35. 1. 1. cld. 1. 1.
* Exo. 12. 3 deut. 16. 2.

22 Surely there was not holden such a Passeouer, from the daies of the Judges that iudged Israel, nor in all the dayes of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Iudah:

23 But in the eighteenth yeere of king Iosiah, wherein this Passeouer was holden to the LORD in Ierusalem.

24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idoles, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Iudah, and in Ierusalem, did Iosiah put away, that he might performe the wordes of * the lawe, which were written in the booke that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And like vnto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soule, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fiercenesse of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Iudah, because of all the † prouocations that Manasseh had prouoked him withall.

27 And the LORD said, I will remoue Iudah also out of my sight, as I haue remoued Israel, and will cast off this citie Ierusalem, which I haue chosen, and the house of which I sayd, * My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the actes of Iosiah, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Iudah:

29 * In his dayes, Pharaoh Nechoh king of Egypt, went by against the king of Assyria to the riuier Euphrates: and king Iosiah went against him; and hee slew him at Megiddo, when he had seene him.

30 And his seruants caried him in a charet dead from Megiddo, & brought him to Ierusalem, and buried him in his owne sepulchre: and * the people of the land tooke Jehoahaz the sonne of Iosiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his fathers stead.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three yeeres olde when he beganne to reigne, and hee reigned three moneths in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah, of Libnah.

32 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh Nechoh put him in bandes at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reigne in Ierusalem, and † put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of siluer, and a talent of golde.

34 And Pharaoh Nechoh made Eliakim the sonne of Iosiah king, in the rounne of Iosiah his father, and turned his name to * Jehoiakim, and tooke Jehoahaz away: and hee came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gaue the siluer, and the golde to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to giue the money according to the commandement of Pharaoh: hee exacted the siluer and the golde of the people of the land, of euery one according to his taxation, to giue it vnto Pharaoh Nechoh.

36 Jehoiakim was twentie and five yeere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Zebudah, the daughter of Bedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

C H A P. XXIIII.

1 Iehoiakim, first subdued by Nebuchadnezzar, then rebelling against him, procureth his owne ruine. 5 Iehoiachin succeedeth him. 7 The King of Egypt is vanquished by the King of Babylon. 8 Iehoiachin his euill reigne. 10 Ierusalem is taken and carried captiue into Babylon. 17 Zedekiah is made King, and reigneth ill, vnto the vtter destruction of Iudah.

In his dayes Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came by, and Jehoiakim became his seruant three yeeres: then hee turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bandes of the Syrians, and bandes of the Moabites, and bandes of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Iudah to destroy it, * according to the word of the LORD, which hee spake † by his seruants the Prophets.

3 Surely at the commandement of the

|| Or, because he reigned.
† Heb. set a mulst upon the land.

* Matth. 1.
12. called Iakim.

|| Or, Teraphim.

* Leuit. 20.
27. deut.
18. 11.

† Heb. an-gers.

* 1. King. 8.
29. & 9. 3.
Chap.
21. 7.

* 2. Chron.
35. 20.

* 2. Chron.
36. 1.

* Chap. 20.
17. and 23.
27.
† Heb. by the hand of.

the LORD came this vpon Judah, to remooue them out of his sight, for the finnes of Manasseh, according to all that he did:

4 And also for the innocent blood that hee shedde: (for hee filled Jerusalem with innocent blood) which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Nowe the rest of the actes of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his sonne reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not againe any more out of his land: for the King of Babylon had taken from the riuer of Egypt, vnto the riuer Euphrates, all that pertained to the King of Egypt.

8 Jehoiachin was eightene yerres old when he began to reigne, & he reigned in Jerusalem thre moneths: & his mothers name was Nehushtha the daughter of Elnathan, of Jerusalem.

9 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

* Dan. 1.1.

10 * At that time the seruants of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon came vp against Jerusalem, and the citie was besieged.

† Heb. came into siege.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the citie, and his seruants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the King of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, hee, and his mother, and his seruants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon tooke him in the eight yeere of his reigne.

|| Or, Eunuchs.

* Chap. 20. 17. csa. 39. 6

13 * And hee caried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasure of the kings house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon King of Israel had made in the Temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And hee caried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, & all the mighty men of valour, euen tenne thousand captiues, and all the craftsmen, and smiths: none remained, saue the poorest sort of the people of the land.

* 2. Chron. 36. 10. csth. 2. 6.

|| Or, Eunuchs.

15 And * he caried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the kings mother, and the kings wiues, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those caried hee

into captiuitie, from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, euen seven thousand, and craftsmen, & smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for warre, euen them the king of Babylon brought captiue to Babylon.

17 * And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his fathers brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

* Iere. 37. 1 and 52. 1.

18 Zedekiah was twentie and one yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeeres in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And hee did that which was euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiachin had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to passe in Jerusalem and Judah, vntill he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Jerusalem is besieged. 4 Zedekiah taken, his sonnes slaine, his eyes put out. 8 Nabuzardan defaceth the city, carieth the remnant, except a few poore labourers, into captiuitie, 13 Spoileth and carieth away the treasures. 18 The Nobles are slaine at Riblah. 22 Gedaliah, who was set ouer them that remained, being slaine, the rest flee into Egypt. 27 Euilmerodach aduanceth Ichoiachin in his court.

And it came to passe * in the ninth yeere of his reigne, in the tenth moneth, in the tenth day of the moneth, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, hee, and all his hoste, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and they built fortes against it, round about.

* Iere. 39. 1. and 52. 4.

2 And the citie was besieged vnto the eleuenth yeere of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the * fourth moneth, the famine preuailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

* Iere. 52. 6.

4 And the citie was broken vp, and all the men of warre fled by night, by the way of the gate, betweene two walles, which is by the kings garden, (now the Caldees were against the citie round about) and the King went the way toward the plaine.

5 And

5 And the army of the Caldees pursued after the King, and ouertooke him in the plaines of Jericho: and all his armie were scattered from him.

6 So they tooke the King, and brought him vp to the King of Babylon, to Riblah, and they gaue [†]iudgement vpon him.

7 And they slew the sonnes of Zedekiah before his eyes, and [†]put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brasle, and carried him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth moneth, on the seventh day of the moneth (which is the nineteenth yeere of King Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon) came Nebuzaradan ^{||}captaine of the guard, a seruant of the king of Babylon, vnto Jerusalem:

9 And hee burnt the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and euery great mans house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Caldees that were with the captaine of the guard, brake downe the walles of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the citie, and the [†]fugitiues that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captaine of the guard cary away.

12 But the captaine of the guard left of the poore of the land, to be Vine-dressers, and husbandmen.

13 And ^{*}the pillars of brasle that were in the house of the LORD, and the bales, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Caldees breake in pieces, and caried the brasle of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shouels, and the snuffers, and the spoones, and all the vessels of brasle wherewith they ministred, tooke they away.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowles, & such things as were of golde, in golde, and of siluer, in siluer, the captaine of the guard tooke away.

16 The two pillars, [†]one sea, and the bales which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, the brasle of all these vessels was without weight.

17 ^{*}The height of the one pillar was eighteene cubits, and the chapter vpon it was brasle: and the height of the chapter three cubites; and the wreathen

worke, and pomegranates vpon the chapter round about, all of brasle: and like vnto these had the second pillar with wreathen worke.

18 And the captaine of the guard, tooke Seraiah the chiefe Priest, and Zephaniah the second Priest, and the three keepers of the [†]doore.

19 And out of the citie hee tooke an ^{||}Officer, that was set ouer the men of warre, and fve men of them that were in the kings presence, which were found in the citie, and the ^{||}principall Scribe of the hoste, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the citie.

20 And Nebuzaradan captaine of the guard tooke these, and brought them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

21 And the King of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath: so Judah was caried away out of their land.

22 ^{*}And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon had left, euen ouer them he made Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, the sonne of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the ^{*}captaines of the armies, they, and their men, heard that the King of Babylon had made Gedaliah gouernour, there came to Gedaliah to Gispah, euen Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and Johanan the sonne of Careah, and Seraiah the sonne of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the sonne of a Maachathite, they, and their men.

24 And Gedaliah sware to them and to their men, and said vnto them, Feare not to be the seruants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and serue the King of Babylon; and it shall bee well with you.

25 But it came to passe in the seventh moneth, that Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, the sonne of Elishama, of [†]the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and ^{*}smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jewes, and the Caldees that were with him at Gispah.

26 And all the people both small and great, and the captaines of the armies arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

27 And it came to passe in the seven and

† Hebr. spake
iudgement
with him.

† Hebr. made
blinde.

|| Or, chiefe
Marshall.

† Hebr.
threshold.

|| Or, Eun-
nuch.

† Hebr. saw
the Kings
face.

|| Or, scribe
of the cap-
taine of the
hoste.

* Iere. 40.
5. 9.

* Iere. 40.
7.

† Hebr. of
the king-
dome.

* Iere. 41. 2.

* Chap. 20.
17. iere. 27.
22.

† Hebr. the
one sea.

* 1. King. 7.
15. iere. 52.
21.

and thirtieth yeere of the captiuitie of Jehoiachin king of Iudah, in the twelfth moneth, on the seuen and twentieth day of the moneth, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the yeere that he began to reigne, did lift by the head of Jehoiachin king of Iudah out of prison.

† Heb. good things with him.

28 And he spake † kindly to him, and

set his throne about the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eate bread continually before him all the dayes of his life.

30 And his allowance was a continuall allowance giuen him of the king, a dayly rate for euery day, all the dayes of his life.



THE FIRST BOOKE of the Chronicles.

CHAP. I.

1 Adams line to Noah. 5 The sonnes of Iapheth. 8 The sonnes of Ham. 17 The sonnes of Shem. 24 Shems line to Abraham. 29 Ishmaels sonnes. 32 The sonnes of Keturah. 34 The posteritie of Abraham by Esau. 43 The Kings of Edom. 51 The Dukes of Edom.

* Gen. 5. 3, 9.



Dam, * Sheth, Enosh,

2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,

3 Henoch, Methushelah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, & Japheth.

* Gen. 10. 2

5 ¶ The sonnes of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sonnes of Gomer: Aschenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

|| Or, Di-phath, as it is in some copies.

|| Or, Rodanim, according to some copies.

7 And the sonnes of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanini.

8 ¶ The sonnes of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sonnes of Cush: Siba, and Haurah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sonnes of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan.

* Gen. 10. 8

10 And Cush begate Nimrod: hec began to be mightie vpon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begate Ludim, and

Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim (of whome came the Philistines) and * Caphthorim.

* Deut. 1. 23.

13 And Canaan begate Zidon his first borne, and Heth.

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Aruadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ The sonnes of * Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, & Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

* Gen. 10. 23. & 11. 10.

|| Or, Magog.

gen. 10. 23.

18 And Arphaxad begate Shelah, and Shelah begate Eber.

19 And vnto Eber were borne two sonnes: the name of the one was Peleg, (because in his dayes the earth was diuided) and his brothers name was Joktan.

|| That is, division.

* Gen. 10. 26.

20 And * Joktan begate Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaueth, and Jerah,

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Haurah, and Jobab: all these were the sonnes of Joktan.

24 ¶ * Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

* Luke 3. 34

25 * Eber, Peleg, Rehu,

* Gen. 11. 15.

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 * Abram,